

May 26, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, June 5, 2000 - 12:00 Noon  
MAG Office, Suite 300 - Mesquite Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

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A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865 or James M. Bourey, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of April 17, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve April 17, 2000 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. <u>Overview of the Proposed Development of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan</u>	3. For information and discussion.
With the acceleration of the MAG Freeway Program now underway, a major transportation milestone for this region will be achieved. Our next challenge is to look into the future and determine how we address our mobility and air quality challenges.	

On the statewide level, the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force is examining new transportation funding and governance issues. The Arizona Department of Transportation is developing a Long Range Transportation Plan to define transportation needs for the next 20-year period. It is important MAG work with these efforts and develop a new regional transportation plan.

The current sales tax for transportation in this region will expire in December 2005. This one-half cent sales tax raises over \$240 million per year. How we prepare a plan for new funding will be discussed during the month of June, with the MAG committees. After receiving input from the MAG committees, a proposed process will be presented to the Regional Council in July. It is anticipated that selection of a consultant would occur in September 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4. MAG Office Space Update

The current MAG office space lease will expire in June 2001. Staff will provide an update on the negotiations for extending the current lease.

5. MAGIC Articles of Incorporation

On May 27, 1998, the Regional Council approved establishing the Maricopa Association of Governments Information Center (MAGIC). The Articles of Incorporation were filed on January 6, 1999. Changes in state law necessitate that references in the Articles of Incorporation be updated to reflect a technical change to conform with current statutes. The bylaws for MAGIC indicate that the Executive Committee serves as the Board of Directors for the Corporation. Conforming changes to the Articles of Incorporation have been prepared for approval by the Executive Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Formation of a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation to Address Human Services and Other Related Needs

The Internal Revenue Code provides that an organization may qualify for an exemption from

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5. For information and discussion and approval of the conforming changes to the MAGIC Articles of Incorporation.

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federal income tax if it is organized and operated for charitable, religious, educational scientific, literary, public safety, or prevention of cruelty to children or animals. The 501(c)(3) organization is exempt from federal taxes and can receive corporate and individual contributions that are tax deductible. MAG is formed as a 501(c)(4) and cannot receive contributions that are tax deductible. Many activities in the MAG human services area could benefit from the formation of a 501(c)(3) in supporting programs such as domestic violence and homeless planning. Staff is exploring the formation of a 501(c)(3) to support these types of activities and a report will be made to the Executive Committee.